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Echo of three deaths on unscientific road humps

Losing bread-winners, families live in despair

The place where the unscientific road hump once stood barricaded with pictures of the three victims who lost their lives in accidents, serving as a poignant reminder of official apathy.

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (GA&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities may have washed their hands off by removing the unscientifically-laid road humps near the Main Gate of Manasagangothri, the PG campus of the University of Mysore (UoM) on Bogadi Main Road. However, the family members of three persons who lost their lives due to the road humps continue to live in despair, struggling to come to terms with the irreparable loss.

The tragedy that occurred under the jurisdiction of MCC Zone 4 has cast a shadow of darkness over the affected families. The victims are, A.R. Yashwanth (27), a resident of Maratikyathanahalli, who had made thorough preparations for his sister's engagement next week; Kumar (48), a resident of K.M. Hundige village in H.D. Kote taluk, a diligent vegetable vendor who devoted himself day and night for the well-being of his daughter and Shivan (24) from Kodagu, the sole bread-winner for his family.

(See FAMILIES on page 6)

Quadrupling of railway tracks between Mysuru and Bengaluru

Project to enhance speed of trains: MP

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha chairing a meeting with officials at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road in city this morning as DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra and others look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (BLU&VNS)- The preparation to conduct the survey for quadrupling of railway tracks, specifically for the routes from Mysuru to Bengaluru and Mysuru to other destinations, is currently underway by the Railway Board, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha.

After heading a meeting with officials from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Police and PWD officials at Jaladarshini Guest House in city this morning, he told reporters that land acquisition for the quadrupling project would commence soon after the survey.

He highlighted that upon completion, the project would significantly reduce travel time between Mysuru and Bengaluru. He emphasised that the existing 139 km-long track with 132 curves limits the train speed and the new project aims to eliminate curves, thereby reducing travel time. Regarding the proposed National Highway project between Mysuru and Kushalnagar, he announced that construction would begin by the end of February, addressing concerns related to environmental clearance and land acquisition.

(See PROJECT on page 7)

Leadership void at Rangayana even eight months after polls

Preparations in full swing for Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival from March 7 to 11

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (VNS)- As Rangayana Mysuru prepares to host the 24th Edition of the Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival from March 7 to 11, there is a notable absence of appointed Directors not only for Rangayana in Mysuru but also for other Rangayanas in Karkala, Kalaburagi, Dharwad, Shivamogga, and Davanagere.

Rangayana Mysuru, a significant entity in the world of theatre enthusiasts, has been without a Director for the past eight months since Congress assumed control of the State. The resignation of the last Director Addanda C. Cariappa shortly after the announcement of the Assembly poll results in May 2023 has placed the responsibility of the theatre repertory in the hands of officials currently managing the operations.

As per the by-laws, the appointment of Directors to Rangayanas should be recommended by the Ranga Samaja, a committee comprising distinguished personalities, with the Minister for Kannada and Culture and the Secretary of Kannada and Culture among its members.

However, the State Government is yet to appoint members to the Ranga Samaja, which was dissolved soon after the formation of the new Government. The State Government's delays extend not only to the appointments for Rangayanas but also to various Academies, including the Karnataka Nataka Academy, Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy and Karnataka Sahitya Academy, among others.

Speaking to *SOM*, senior theatre personality and former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan (Janni) expressed unhappiness over the delay in appointing Directors for Rangayana.

(See RANGAYANA on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 4th February 2024

City veteran Tennis Coach wins double crown

City veteran Tennis coach R. Nagaraj (extreme left), who participated in the ITF World Tennis Masters Tournament (MT 400) held at New Delhi from Jan. 22 to 27, won both in the 60+ Singles and 55+ Doubles categories. He is seen receiving the prize along with his Doubles' partner Arun Agarwal (Delhi) during the prize distribution ceremony.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When two environmental protesters threw soup at the world's most famous work of art in Paris last week, they were trying to create a link between art and food. Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa, protected by bullet-proof glass, survived the soup attack.

The activists articulated an antithetical relationship when they asked the world with some rhetorical flourish: "What's the most important thing — art, or right to a healthy and sustainable food?" They wanted to draw attention to the protest by French farmers for less regulation and better prices.

They more than succeeded in their intent because the attack on the picture was worth more than many reams of writing about the protest. The painting has also survived a custard pie and an empty tea-cup hurled at it in the past for various reasons.

But food was a theme running through these attacks. The latest attackers' linkage between art and food will hardly appeal because the grievances of the farmers have nothing to do with the smiling lady in the Louvre, or with art in general.

Everyone has the right to a healthy and sustainable food and also to create and appreciate art. Art has been created by artists who starved and by artists who did not have to starve.

It is true that a hungry man may not have the time for art, and God will not appear before him as Mona Lisa but as bread only. But no-one can insist that art should flourish only after hunger has been eliminated. A pumpkin soup attack on Mona Lisa does not extinguish art. It only adds value to her and makes her smile more beguiling. The right to food and the right to art do not contradict. Both are rights inherent in the right to life.

The debate about whether art is for its own sake or for life is as old as both, and is still alive. The truth is that there is no art without life and there cannot be life without art. That may be a deeper link between the farmers' protests and Mona Lisa's inscrutable smile.

—In Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man training for marathon with fridge stopped

Stevenage: Police in Britain stopped a runner they spotted with a refrigerator strapped to his back, but discovered he wasn't fleeing from a crime - he was training for a marathon.

Daniel Fairbrother said he was practicing running with a fridge strapped to his back in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, when he was stopped by officers.

Fairbrother explained the fridge, which he dubbed Tallulah in tribute to a scene from the film Cool Runnings, was helping him train for the London Marathon, where he will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the fastest marathon carrying a household appliance (white goods).

Convenience store bathrooms turn into disco clubs

Kentucky: A chain of Kentucky convenience stores is attracting visitors and going viral online for an unusual feature: a button that turns the bathroom into a disco dance party.

Six HOP Shops locations in Northern Kentucky have big red buttons installed in their bathrooms with a sign reading: "Do Not Push This Button."

Pushing the button activates coloured lights, a disco ball and music in the bathroom, turning it into a miniature dance club.

The bathrooms have proven to be a big draw, with workers at the HOP Shops reporting that many people come into the stores just to experience the disco bathrooms. Videos documenting what happens when someone pushes the button have gone viral on various social media platforms. Ann Gilbert, manager of human resources at parent company Valor Oil, said the disco bathrooms were the brainchild of the company's vice president of retail marketing, Damon Bail.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Tip to Prevent Heart Attack -

Manage Diabetes: If you have diabetes, work with your healthcare team to keep your blood sugar levels in a healthy range.

By Dr. Sasirekha D, - Consultant - Cardiology - Interventional - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Represents State in Handball at 67th National School Games

S. Gagan (centre), a student of Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College, Vijayanagar, represented Karnataka in the Handball Tournament of the 67th National School Games held at Haryana from Jan. 5 to 9. Earlier, he had represented Karnataka in the U-14 category. He is seen with (from left) Physical Education Director Jagannath, KCT Secretary Prof. MSK Narahari Babu, Joint Secretary Prof. K.S. Hiriyanna and Principal Dr. G.R. Kavitha.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **91.84 feet**	Today's level **2,272.44 feet**	Today's level **2,831.61 feet**
Last year's level **113.02 feet**	Last year's level **2,271.35 feet**	Last year's level **2,829.02 feet**
Yesterday's level **91.86 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,272.52 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,831.62 feet**
Today's Inflow **443 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **88 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **218 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **501 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *The world's most dangerous tree is called the manchineel: This is native to the tropical southern North American and northern South America. Every part of the tree contains toxins that can cause blisters and skin breakouts on human skin just from touch.*
- *Scientists have discovered this rat eating pitcher plant in the Philippines in the year 2009. This newly discovered pitcher plant is considered as one of the biggest carnivorous plants on the planet.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

John: *My grandfather is 92 years old and yet he hasn't got a single white hair on his head.*
Joana: *How is that possible?*
John: *He is bald!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 83.00**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 104.85**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.60**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 89.69**

VOICE OF THE READER

Need hand railings along Chamundi Hill steps

Sir,

The stairway at Chamundi Hill, comprising over 1,000 steps, requires the installation of hand railings. The inclusion of hand railings would offer substantial support, especially to the elderly, reducing strain and aiding in maintaining balance both on the ascent and descent.

Notably, certain sections of the stairway feature steps with a height exceeding the usual, leading to visible challenges for senior citizens who often find themselves panting and struggling to negotiate the increased height. The introduction of hand railings would undeniably alleviate this difficulty, providing much-needed relief and conserving energy during the climb.

It is perplexing why such a beneficial amenity has not been addressed over the years. I hope that the district authorities — including the Deputy Commissioner, local MLA and the Muzrai Department — will accord priority to this matter and take necessary steps to implement hand railings along the Chamundi Hill stairway.

—H.S. Shivaram
Ramakrishnanagar
1.2.2024

Programme on Nalwadi Wadiyar at Mysore Palace ahead of Dasara

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar urges music director Hamsalekha to conceptualise the event

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar of erstwhile Mysore royal family being conferred with Honorary Membership of Bangalore City Institute at the Institute premises in Bengaluru on Friday.

Bengaluru, Feb. 4 (BS)- A programme on erstwhile Maharaja of Mysore Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar will be held ahead of Dasara this year at Mysore Palace. It will be conceptualised by Sandalwood film lyricist and music director Nadabrahma Hamsalekha, who incidentally inaugurated Mysore Dasara-2023 atop Chamundi Hill.

Following a request by erstwhile Mysore royal family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar during a programme organised at Bangalore City Institute in commemoration of Nalwadi, Hamsalekha, who was sharing the dais, also obliged to dedicate the programme on the late Maharaja to Kannadigas.

Remembering Nalwadi, who is worshipped in every household here, Pramoda Devi said: "The contributions of Nalwadi are enormous and the freedom movement and democratic system of this country is a model to the world." She also gave a call to the people to dedicate their lives to the service of the nation.

Hamsalekha said, "Nalwadi's achievements serve as an inspiration." Elaborating on Kannada language and administration, Hamsalekha said: "We should not just consider Kannada as a language but also as our due right, which should be enjoyed by all. We should be cautious about this due right."

He also expressed his concern about Kannada not getting its due in Bengaluru and the dwindling population of Kannadigas in the capital city.

Honorary Membership of Bangalore City Institute was given to Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and Hamsalekha and a short film on Nalwadi was also screened on the occasion. Popular dance troupes from Mumbai, Kolkata & Chennai entertained the gathering. Arjun Itagi, a proud Kannada child artiste, stole many's hearts with his talent in singing.

President of Bangalore City Institute K. Sukumar, Vice-President S.C. Chandrashekar, Hon. Secretary Lakshmish Chandra and Hon. Treasurer B.P. Virupaksha were present.

EPFO's Regional Office holds Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0

Mysuru, Feb. 4- The District Outreach Programme under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 was conducted at Ideal Jawa Rotary School, Mysuru, on Jan. 29.

Chetan Vishwanath, Secretary and Shilpa Prashanth, Principal, Ideal Jawa Rotary School, were the chief guests.

A. Balaji, Accounts Officer/ District Nodal Officer, S. Sampath Kumar, DPA and other officials of EPFO, Regional Office, Mysuru and ESIC, Mysuru, redressed the grievances of stakeholders and properly managed the event.

EPFO stakeholders visited the venue with their queries and grievances, which were solved on the spot.

To bridge the gap between EPFO and stakeholders, EPFO has started the initiative and under the supervision of Vinit Kumar, Regional PF Commissioner-I, Regional Office, Mysuru, team of officials visits different locations in various districts to interact and educate members/ employers and pensioners.

The RO Mysuru is taking all possible steps to extend the benefits to stakeholders.

Valedictory of Paridrishya - 2nd International Short Films and Documentaries Festival

Girish Kasaravalli *Rajendra Singh Babu* *Divya Karanth*

Mysuru, Feb. 4- The valedictory of the second edition of the two-day Paridrishya International Short Films and Documentaries Festival and the award ceremony will be held at Kaveri auditorium of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) in city at 4.30 pm today (Feb. 4).

Noted director, Swarna Kamala awardee Girish Kasaravalli, noted director-producer Rajendra Singh Babu, actress, director and writer Divya Karanth will be the special guests at the valedictory function.

For details, contact Mob: 99805-96824 or 99864-93998, according to a press release.

Mysuru-based Kaynes Technology acquires Digicom Electronics in US

California, Feb. 4 (Agencies)- Mysuru-based Kaynes Technology is strategically expanding its footprint in the United States (US), marked by the acquisition of Digicom Electronics, an electronics manufacturing services (EMS) company situated in Oakland, California.

According to Deepak Chadha, Chief Executive of Business Operations at Kaynes Technology India Ltd., this move is instrumental in broadening their presence in the US market. Chadha explained, "This acquisition enables us to undertake small-scale builds and prototyping in the US. When it comes to large-scale manufacturing, we can leverage our capabilities in India. Additionally, the last-mile box build can be executed in the US, just before shipping to our customers in the region."

Furthermore, Kaynes has acquired a 13.2 percent stake in Mixx Technologies Inc, based in California, with the goal of positioning Kaynes as a comprehensive "silicon to systems" manufacturer specialising in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and high-performance computing infrastructure.

Mixx Technologies, a deep-tech semiconductor startup established in May last year, focuses on introducing three-dimensional scalability to generative AI and high-performance computing systems. By integrating photonic circuits and advanced packaging, Mixx aims to advance the semiconductor ecosystem in a relatively new area, using photons for data transmission instead of electrons.

Vivek Raghuraman, Chief Executive at Mixx Technologies, highlighted the increasing interest in this technology among various companies due to its benefits in power efficiency, performance and density, especially in the context of AI applications.

In October, Kaynes initiated the construction of an Outsourced Semiconductor, Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility in Telangana, with an investment of Rs. 2,850 crore. The company, which debuted on the NSE and the BSE in November 2022, secured Rs. 1,400 crore in funding in 2023 from prominent investors, including Nomura, Goldman Sachs, PSP Investments, Norges Bank, Carmignac, BNP Paribas and Acacia.

Chadha outlined the company's plans to utilise the funds for various phases, focusing on the establishment of semiconductor and Printed Circuit Board (PCB) lines. Kaynes currently operates manufacturing infrastructure in Mysuru, Bengaluru, Chennai, Pune, Manesar and Parwanoo, with service centres in Mumbai and Kochi. They are also set to open a new PCB assembly plant in Pune, anticipating revenue contributions from it in the upcoming year.

Additionally, Kaynes recently acquired 17 acres of land in Chamarajanagar, Karnataka, to establish an EMS plant, which is now operational. With a current workforce of 2,500 employees in India, the company intends to increase its workforce by an additional 700 to 800 employees.

While PCB assembly constitutes 64 percent of the company's revenue, 10 percent is derived from Original Design Manufacturing (ODM) and 30 percent originates from box build services, offering comprehensive turnkey solutions to their customers.

NEWS BRIEFS

Return books borrowed from library

The month-long book stocktaking and inventory will take place at the City Central Library and in all its branch libraries from Feb. 1 to Mar. 1. As such, there will be no lending of book during this period. The members of the public are appealed to return back the borrowed books to the respective libraries, according to a press release. However, the newspaper section and reference books section will remain open to the public as usual, the release further said.

Monthly Lecture for Elders

As part of its monthly lecture series programme, the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, has arranged a talk on the topic "Income Tax benefits to senior citizens as per latest budget" by Keshav Dongre, Chartered Accountant, on Feb. 5 (Monday) at its Sarawathi Samudaya Bhavana, Council premises, Mysuru. For details, contact Mob: 99804-12406.

Admission to CMA Course

The last date for admission to CMA course has been extended upto Feb. 10 for June 2024 term examination. The eligibility for admission to Foundation course is pass in II PUC; for Intermediate - Pass in Foundation Exam or Graduates of any discipline, except Music, Dancing, Photography, Painting and Sculpture; for FINAL - Pass in Intermediate. For details contact the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Mysuru Chapter on Ph: 0821-2331083 or Mob: 97317-89222.

Open Day at Pramati Academy

Pramati Hill View Academy, Kuvempunagar, is conducting Open Day on Feb. 11. As part of this programme, "Students Learning Presentation" is arranged with drawing and colouring competition for those in the age group of 3 to 8 years. Registration for the competition must be made before Feb. 5. Colouring materials should be carried by children. For registration, contact Mob: 87460-40476 or 87623-48149.

Nursing Care

The International Human Development and Upliftment Academy, Mysuru, has organised General Duty-cum-Home-based Nursing Care Assistant Training Programme for 4 months for SSLC pass/fail male/female candidates aged 18 to 35 years. For details, contact Mob: 87628-50960.

Man accused of cheating Trust of Rs. 1.10 crore arrested

Rs. 43.88 lakh recovered

Malavalli, Feb. 4 (KS) - Belakawadi Police have arrested a man on charges of cheating a Trust to the tune of Rs. 1.10 crore and have recovered Rs. 43,88,500 from him.

The accused has been identified as Shiva alias Suri alias Surya alias Govardhan, a resident of Kuppam Mandal village in Andhra Pradesh. Another accused, Shambhulinga Swamiji of Viraktha Mutt at Hebbani village in the taluk has gone absconding, according to the Police.

Accused Shiva had married the daughter of Basavanayaka of Singanallur village of Chamarajanagar district in 2010-11 and has a son and a daughter. He was into real estate business, had learnt black magic and was cheating people, it is learnt.

In October 2023, Shiva, who met Sri Shambhulinga Swamiji of Nirvaneshwara Virakta Mutt in Hebbani village, told the Swamiji that he had come to purchase agricultural land and asked the Swamiji to get him the land from someone he knew. Shiva also told the Swamiji that he knew black magic. The duo then

File photo of accused Shiva (extreme right) being felicitated by the Trust.

hatched a plot and the Swamiji introduced Shiva to Shalom Charitable Educational Trust Treasurer S. Mary as a big industrialist. The Trust is located at Shimshapura village in the taluk.

The Swamiji then told Mary that Shiva wanted to give donation for the development of the Trust. Mary then introduced the Swamiji and Shiva to Trust President Merin Pinto and Shiva was also felicitated by the Trust during which the Trust was told that Shiva wanted to donate Rs. 25 crore to the Trust and in return the Trust has to give him Rs. 1.10 crore in cash as he had to pay the tax.

Believing it, the office-bearers of the Trust readied the cash on Jan. 19 and informed the same to the Swamiji and Shiva. On Jan. 20, accused Shiva came to house of Mary's sister in Shimshapura village with a bag containing 160 bundles of currency-like white paper with the seal of State Bank of India affixed on the bundles.

Shiva then asked Trust President Pinto and Treasurer Mary to show Rs. 1.10 crore cash and after seeing the cash, he kept the bag containing currency-like paper bundles next to them and gave Pinto and Mary the juice he had brought with him. Pinto and Mary were rendered unconscious after consuming the juice and Shiva fled with Rs. 1.10 crore cash.

Pinto and Mary, who regained conscious after some time, saw Shiva and the cash missing. Realising that they have been cheated, they lodged a complaint with Belakavadi Police Station where Sub-Inspector V.C. Ashok registered a case. Superintendent of Police (SP) Yatish and Additional SP Thimmaiah, guided Dy.SP Krishnappa, Inspector B.S. Sridhar and staff, who conducted investigation and arrested accused Shiva on Jan. 28 on the Ring Road in Mysuru.

During interrogation, Shiva is said to have told the Police that the Trust had not given him Rs. 1.10 crore but Rs. 70 lakh out of which he had given Rs. 25 lakh to the Swamiji.

The Police, who have recovered Rs. 43,88,500 cash from Shiva have also seized a car. The Swamiji, who has been named the second accused, has gone absconding and the Police have launched a hunt to nab him.

Accused Shiva was remanded to judicial custody on Tuesday and the Police have taken Shiva into their custody on Friday for further questioning.

'Resume restoration of Palace temple heritage paintings'

'Artists who painstakingly undertook works not paid stipend'

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (GA&BCT)- The ambitious plan of restoring paintings and murals at the temples inside the Mysore Palace premises to increase their aesthetic value has come to a grinding halt since the last two years. This concern was brought to light during a press conference held at Patrakarthara Bhavan here recently, where speakers urged prompt resumption of these restoration efforts.

Addressing the media persons, former Corporator M. Sriram revealed that the painstaking work of art restoration had been abruptly halted due to a shortage of funds.

"The project aimed to rejuvenate century-old oil paintings, stained glass windows, frescoes and depictions of Gods and Goddesses — integral pieces of tangible history and culture. Regrettably, the artists involved have not received their stipends," he explained.

The project began at the end of 2021 and the task was handed over to National Research Laboratory for Conservation (NRLC) of Cultural Property, Lucknow, which entrusted the work to its Regional Conservation Laboratory in Mysuru. The Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage initiated the conservation works. As part of the efforts, the conservation and restoration works were taken up at Sri Shwetha Varahaswamy and Sri Ambujavalli Mahalakshmi temples.

"The art works were being restored by S.V. Sahana from Mysuru and two other artists from North India. But the North Indian artists left the work as stipend was not paid to them for their intricate works. Sahana continued the work but the authorities failed to pay her the stipend, insulting the efforts. Only after much appeals and persuasion, Sahana got a delayed stipend but the restoration work has come to a standstill," he said.

Sriram appealed to the authorities to restart the restoration works. "There is information that the work will start soon," he added.

Speaking on other issues, he emphasised on the importance of acknowledging the associate sculptors who collaborated with Arun Yogiraj in crafting Balak Ram idol (Ram Lalla) at Ayodhya Sri Ram Temple. While expressing appreciation for the recognition accorded to Arun Yogiraj, he underscored the need for similar honours to be extended to his team members.

"We wholeheartedly appreciate the recognition bestowed upon Arun Yogiraj, but it is crucial not to overlook the contributions of his team mates. The district authorities should take steps to ensure that all the sculptors from Mysuru who played a role in carving the Balak Ram idol receive the deserved recognition and are duly felicitated," he added.

He welcomed the decision of constructing a Ram Temple at Harohalli-Gujjegowdanapura from where the Balak Ram idol stone was excavated and said that like Prime Minister Narendra Modi was invited to consecrate the Ayodhya Ram Temple, former PM H.D. Deve Gowda must be invited to inaugurate the Temple at Harohalli-Gujjegowdanapura.

Lion K. Shivappa, industrialist Lochan Nagaraj, contractor Ningegowda, labour leader R. Rangaswamy and artist S.V. Sahana were present.

Appointment letters for Pourakarmikas soon: Narayan

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (GA&DM)- Former Mayor Narayan, also the State President of Karnataka Pourakarmika Mahasangha, announced that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has agreed to regularise the services of contract pourakarmikas in the upcoming State Budget.

Addressing a press conference, Narayan mentioned that around 26,200 pourakarmikas in 10 City Corporations have been working under outsourcing agencies for an extended period.

He revealed that following his memorandum to the Chief Minister requesting the appointment of more loaders, cleaners, and drivers, permanent appointment letters will be issued to 544 underground drainage workers, 481 loaders, and 294 cleaners soon.

Additionally, he stated that the Chief Minister has assured further Pourakarmika appointments in phases in the coming days. The press meet was attended by Mahasangha office-bearers Palani, R. Shiva, S. Nagaraj, Raju, and M.K. Mahadeva.

Suttur prepares for six-day Jathra Mahotsava from Feb. 6

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji participating in the puja rituals at Dasoha Bhavan in Suttur yesterday as SP Seema Latkar and KPSC member Geetha look on. [Pic. by Vatal Anand]

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (MTY&VNS)- Preparations for this year's annual Suttur Jatra Mahotsava, scheduled to take place from Feb. 6 to Feb. 11 in Suttur, are in full swing, announced Jatra Mahotsava Committee Secretary S.P. Manjunath during a press conference held at the Mutt premises in Suttur, Nanjangud taluk yesterday.

Manjunath highlighted that the Jatra Mahotsava attracts a massive participation of lakhs of people from all corners of the country, serving as a platform to showcase and celebrate the rich culture, traditions and arts of the region. Anticipating an increased number of visitors this year, he emphasised that the event would be conducted under the guidance of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

He further mentioned that the guests expected to attend include Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Union and State Ministers, MPs, legislators and pontiffs from various Mutts. Additionally, the Suttur Mutt is organising the 30th State-Level Bhajan and 'Ekatari' competition, with over 750 teams participating in male, female and children categories.

For those interested in taking 'Shiva Deeksha,' Suttur Mutt has urged them to register their names by Feb. 7 evening at Suttur Srikshetra. A special meeting of the Alumni Association is scheduled at Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Prasada Nilaya in Suttur on Feb. 9.

The six-day Jatra Mahotsava will showcase various events, including Sri Veerabhadra Kondotsava on Feb. 6; mass marriage and Haalaravi Utsava on Feb. 7; Rathotsava on Feb. 8; Sri Mahadeshwara Kondotsava and Lakshadeepotsava on Feb. 9; the inauguration of Smt. Parvathamma and Dr. Shamanur Shivashankarappa Guest House and Teppotsava on Feb. 10 and Anna Brahmotsava on Feb. 11. Additionally, the festival will feature a range of spiritual, cultural, educational and sports events.

Live broadcast of Suttur Jathra Mahotsava will be available on **https://www.youtube.com/@JSSMahavidyapeethaonline**

Rangoli and Sobaanepada competition: Rangoli and Sobaanepada competion is scheduled to take place on Feb. 6.

Exhibition: This year's exhibition will showcase a diverse array of industrial products, including handlooms, textiles, handicrafts and household items manufactured by self-help groups and Stree Shakti Sangha, as well as products from cottage industries. Additionally, there will be educational and scientific models created by students of JSS High Schools, along with medical and technical exhibitions.

Mass Marriage: A free mass marriage event is set for Feb. 7 (Wednesday), providing couples with an opportunity to enter wedlock regardless of caste or religion.

Krishi Mela: Suttur Mutt is organising Krishi Mela with the theme 'Hani Hanigu Bharapoora Thene' (maximising yield for every drop of water) this year. Visitors can explore a variety of desi and exotic vegetables, monocotyledons and dicotyledons, oilseeds, more than 300 crop varieties cultivated using drip and sprinkler irrigation, commercial crops, fodder crops, agriculture equipment, and indigenous breeds of cows, sheep, goats and fowls. Additionally, a special seminar on the judicious use of water in agricultural fields is scheduled for Feb. 9.

Painting and Kite contests: A State-level painting competition for children studying between Std. 1 and Std. 10 will be held during the Mahotsava. The event will also feature a Kite Festival for the general public.

Chitrasanthe: The Mahotsava will showcase the artworks of various artists from the State and beyond. Public will also have the opportunity to have their portraits painted on the spot.

Wrestling competition: A National-level wrestling competition is scheduled for Feb. 9, featuring two 'maarpeet' wrestling matches. The winner will be bestowed with the title 'Suttur Kesari,' and the best local wrestler will be honoured with the title 'Suttur Kumara.'

Health check-up camp: JSS Hospital will hold a free health check-up camp on all six days of the Jatra Mahotsava. Additionally, a five-day special cancer screening camp is planned between Feb. 6 and Feb. 10 to raise awareness about cancer prevention and various diseases.

Boating: Boating activities are organised by the Suttur Mutt on all days.

Desi games: Desi Games, including slush race, tug of war, 'kunte bille,' 'alagulimane,' 'anekallu,' chess, top, 'chowkabaara,' running race carrying a 50 kg bag and running race with water-filled tumbler, will be held for men (Feb. 8), women (Feb. 9) and students of JSS Primary and High Schools (between Feb. 7 and Feb. 10).

53rd Cattle Fair: The 53rd cattle fair is organised during the Jatra Mahotsava to assist farmers in purchasing good breeds of cattle. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences will conduct health check-ups for the cattle, provide free vaccination and medications. Cash prizes will be awarded to best cattle at the exhibition.

Cultural Mela and programmes: More than 3,500 students from JSS Institutions will participate in Bharatanatyam, group dance, classical music, dance based on vachanas, group songs and other 400 cultural competitions. Additionally, amateur troupes will stage plays, music concerts and dance programmes at the main temple premises. Various rural troupes will also present over 20 mythological plays.

Kapilarathi: A special *arathi* to River Kapila, named *Kapilarathi,* is organised in association with Yuva Brigade during Thepotsava on Feb. 10.

Photography competition: Suttur Mutt has arranged a photography competition in both DSLR and mobile photography categories. Entry for the competition is free, with no age restrictions. Interested individuals can contact Mob: 96866-77284 or 94486-09062.

Prasadam and lodging facilities: Suttur Mutt will provide food and lodging for devotees visiting Suttur Mutt. The mutt will utilise 1,000 quintal of rice, 180 quintal of tur dal, 1,500 litres of refined oil, 12 tonnes of jaggery, 4,000 kgs of chilli powder, 250 quintal of sugar, 500 kgs of Nandini ghee, 800 kgs of raisins and cashew nuts, 8,000 litres of milk, 28,000 litres curds, 25,000 coconuts and 500 kgs of pickle to prepare various delicacies including *jaggery rice, upma, kesaribath, kharabath, sweet pongal, khara pongal, lemon rice, kheer, sweet boondi, sambar, rice, buttermilk, wheat kheer, Mysore Pak and besibele bath.*

Transport facility: KSRTC and private transport companies will provide special bus services from various district and taluk headquarters for devotees to visit Suttur. Temporary lodging will be provided to devotees arriving from faraway places.

Prabhath Peri: Every day, 'Prabhath Peri,' a procession promoting friendship, peace and harmony, will be held in the surrounding villages of Suttur, followed by flag hoisting by the pontiffs and a spiritual discourse will also be held.

Bharath Cancer Hospital holds walkathon to create awareness on cancer

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (KS)- In a bid to create awareness on the dreaded disease cancer, city's Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology (BHIO), as part of World Cancer Day, conducted a walkathon in city this morning. On the occasion, the new logo of the Hospital was released by renowned oncologist and Chairman of Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology Dr. Ajaikumar.

Speaking after flagging off the walkathon titled 'Hope A Thon' in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of Mysore Palace, Dr. Ajaikumar said: "One in every nine persons in India has cancer. After China, India ranks second in cancer cases in the world."

"For us every day is cancer day. For every nine people in

Hospital's new logo released

India, one is diagnosed with cancer which is really scary. It is high time that people create awareness about cancer and lead a healthy lifestyle so that cancer can be controlled. Our goal is to win the war on cancer. Earlier, when we were studying, cancer was called as an 'old age disease' and was more seen between the age of 60 and 70 years. But now, it is seen more in the age group of 40 to 60 years." He also called upon the participants to create awareness wherever they are, be school, college or working place.

BHIO Medical Superintendent Dr. Y.S. Madhavi, who also spoke, said: "First step to fight against cancer is to spread awareness. Early detection gives the best chance for cure."

Participants from various colleges and various walks of life took part in the walkathon which started at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, passed through the thoroughfares of city before culminating at Town Hall. The Hospital staff also performed skits to create awareness on cancer.

On the occasion, BHIO conducted a drawing and painting contest for school students in four different categories.

Dr. Kavitha, Dr. Ajaikumar, Dr. Abhilash, Dr. Raxith, Dr. Amogh and Dr. Vinay distributed the prizes to the winners. Gowtham Dhamerla, Chief Operating Officer, was also present.

Leadership void at Rangayana

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Underscoring the importance of the repertory as a key institution, Janardhan urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa to take the lead in establishing the Ranga Samaja that would play a crucial role in recommending names for the appointment of Rangayana Directors.

According to reliable sources, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi has conducted meetings to discuss appointments to various Rangayanas and Academies. The selection process is reportedly complete, awaiting the final approval from CM Siddaramaiah before an official announcement is made.

Insiders reveal that Shivaraj Tangadagi is scheduled to meet with the CM for the final approval and the announcement is expected within the next week. With Lok Sabha polls looming, there is a sense of urgency to expedite the appointment process for Directors of institutions before the model code of conduct comes into effect. When approached for comments, Shivaraj Tangadagi assured that concerted efforts are underway to appoint Chairpersons to various Academies and Rangayana Directors at the earliest.

Preparations begin for Bahuroopi

Meanwhile, Rangayana Mysuru is actively preparing for the upcoming Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival this year. The theatre repertory had issued invitations for theatre groups from across the country to showcase their performances at the festival.

For this year's event, the State Government has allocated Rs. 25 lakh, complemented by an additional Rs. 25 lakh previously released to Rangayana during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

To oversee the festival preparations, Rangayana has established a committee chaired by senior theatre figure H.S. Umesh. The committee comprises Suresh Babu, President of the Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Association, Anju Singh, a Rangayana artiste, Nirmala Mathapati, Deputy Director of Rangayana and V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Joint Director of Kannada and Culture.

Nirmala Mathapati said, "To date, we have received approximately 62 entries from various regions such as Delhi, Mumbai, Assam, Hyderabad, Manipur and Kerala, including local groups eager to participate in Bahuroopi. The committee is diligently reviewing all submissions and shortlisting potential plays. With the deadline for entry submission set for Feb. 5, the final list of selected plays will be announced shortly after completion of the screening process."

Losing bread-winners, families live in despair

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The deaths, resulting from sheer negligence, irresponsibility and a nonchalant attitude of those in power at the MCC, have severed the vital support system for these families. Unfortunately, no official or elected representative has taken the time to visit the grieving families. There has been a conspicuous absence of expressions of condolences for lives lost due to official apathy.

Accident victim Kumar's wife and daughters. Picture right: Victim Yashwanth's last selfie with his family.

Making two ends meet

Kumar, engaged in vegetable vending, carried the weight of responsibilities despite meagre profits. His father, Basavaraju, deals with health issues, receiving medical treatment at home, while his mother copes with diabetes, making household tasks challenging. With two daughters in the family, Kumar's wife, Mani, managed household affairs, balancing her responsibilities along with the untimely loss of her husband.

Due to limited agricultural land and a lack of substantial income, Kumar focused on selling vegetables. On the evening of Jan. 27, he set out from home to sell vegetables. The goods auto, owned by Duggesh, in which Kumar was travelling, lost control near the slope at AIISH Junction due to the unscientific road hump and collided with a car from the opposite direction.

"Although the accident occurred at night, we learned about it at 9 am the next day and were informed that Kumar had passed away," said Bhaskar, Kumar's brother. Kumar leaves behind two daughters, Rakshitha, a college student and Ranjitha, studying for SSLC. Kumar's untimely death has cast a shadow over their future and without Government or MCC assistance, they may be compelled to abandon their education.

"We have filed a complaint in the Krishnaraja Traffic Police Station against Duggesh, the MCC Engineer who supervised the road hump installation, and the contractor responsible for the works. We hope justice will be served," added Bhaskar.

Hope of receiving support

A.R. Yashwanth's family, which had woven their lives around his hard work, now finds themselves in profound despair. The sombre silence in their home is a stark reflection of the tragedy and their aspirations hinge on the hope of receiving much-needed support.

On Jan. 27, Yashwanth left home for his agency work and had assured the family of his return for dinner and they eagerly awaited his arrival. While Yashwanth was riding his bike back home around 11 pm, his vehicle lost control on the unscientific road hump on Bogadi Road. Suffering severe bleeding injuries, he was hurried to K.R. Hospital and later shifted to JSS Hospital for further treatment. Despite relentless efforts, Yashwanth succumbed to his injuries on Jan. 29.

Having completed his education, Yashwanth worked in a private agency and the income from this job supported two families, including his grandparents, father Rajendra Prasad, mother Prathima and sister Monisha. Yashwanth, married to Sushma at the age of 24, also took on the responsibility of caring for his wife's parents. Despite financial constraints, the family managed their lives based on Yashwanth's hard work. Yashwanth and Sushma have a one-and-a-half-year-old daughter.

Monisha, engaged to a man from Mandya, expressed her grief and said, "My brother was busy with preparations for my engagement next week and was working hard to collect money for the wedding expenditure. Now I have lost my brother. The hospital expenses amounted to Rs. 1.5 lakh."

Sole bread-winner

The grieving family of Balladichanda B. Shivan (25), son of B.M. Biddappa from Kandangala village in Virajpet, Kodagu, is still grappling with the tragedy caused by the unscientific road humps near the Manasagangothri Main Gate on Jan. 27.

Shivan, who had rented a room in Saraswathipuram and worked for a private company, played the crucial role of the sole bread-winner for his family. The loss of their only son has left the family in deep distress, with his sister mourning the tragic loss of her brother.

KSRTC to launch 'Ashwamedha' service from Mysuru to Bengaluru

Mysuru gets 15 'Ashwamedha' buses with bucket seats for traveling comfort, LED route display

Siddaramaiah

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (BLU&KS) - In added efforts to enhance passenger comfort, the KSRTC is set to introduce 'Ashwamedha' Point-to-Point Express bus service starting tomorrow (Feb. 5).

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will launch 100 'Ashwamedha' buses at the Eastern Gate of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Feb. 5, in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, and other officials.

While the Mysuru KSRTC Division initially proposed 20 'Ashwamedha' buses, the KSRTC has allocated 15 buses for the launch, according to Mysuru KSRTC Divisional Controller Srinivas.

These buses will operate on routes connecting Mysuru to Bengaluru, Hunsur to Bengaluru, and K.R. Nagar to Bengaluru. Currently, Mysuru Division has 14 electric buses, and a proposal for an additional 30 buses has been submitted. The routes for the new electric buses, including services from Mysuru to Hunsur and Mysuru to H.D. Kote, will be determined soon, added Srinivas.

Notably, the fare for the 'Ashwamedha' bus will remain unchanged, maintaining affordability, clarified Srinivas. The 'Ashwamedha' bus, standing at 3.42 metres in height, carries the theme 'Reconceptualising Travel.'

It features 52 'bucket-type' design seats and incorporates various enhancements such as a spacious interior, tinted glasses, LED lights, LED route display, self-closing doors, and an emergency door-opening button.

Project to enhance speed of trains

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Pratap Simmha mentioned that Rs. 1,100 crore out of the total Rs. 4,130 crore allocated for the project is reserved for land acquisition, with 190 hectares acquired and Rs. 177 crore compensation already paid to landowners.

Some landowners have raised issues, seeking higher compensation, prompting discussions on a fair compensation formula, he added. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, PWD Land Acquisition Officer Shivegowda, NHAI Project Director Rahul Gupta and other officials.

Doubts about Nilambur-Nanjangud line

Pratap Simha expressed his dissatisfaction with the State Government's decision to permit the Kerala Government to conduct a survey for the construction of the Nilambur-Nanjangud railway line. He strongly opposed the project, expressing doubts about obtaining environmental clearance from the Centre and questioned the efficacy of the proposed railway line in enhancing railway connectivity.

The MP also criticised the Congress and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for planning a protest in New Delhi against the alleged step-motherly treatment by the Centre towards Karnataka.

Pratap Simmha accused Siddaramaiah of misleading the public with baseless allegations against the Centre, underscoring that the CM, with his extensive budgetary experience, is well aware of fund allocations to different sectors.

He pointed out that some of the projects have been shifted from the north to southern States and none of the northern States are protesting over this, which the CM should take note of.

'Save Bandipur' protest held

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (MTY&VNS) - With the 'Save Bandipur' posts trending on social media following the completion of the aerial survey for the proposed Nilambur-Nanjangud Railway project by the Government of Kerala, Mysuru-based Gandhada Gudi Foundation, environment activists and other like-minded people staged a protest in front of the Old Deputy Commissioner's Office in city this morning demanding the Karnataka Government not heed to pressure tactics of Kerala Government.

The protesters, urging the State Government to protect wildlife and prevent unnatural deaths of wild animals, demanded the State Government not to lift the night traffic ban in Bandipur Tiger Reserve and not take up road widening works in Bandipur and Nagarahole Forest areas.

Speaking on the occasion, naturalist and wildlife enthusiast M.K. Saptha Girish welcomed the decision of the State Government and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to continue with the ban on night traffic in Bandipur Tiger Reserve and added that the Government must continue with its decision in the future as well.

Stating that the State had only 13-16 percent of forest area, Saptha Girish stressed the need to increase the forest area to 33 percent to protect the wildlife. "Kerala Government had proposed to construct a traffic corridor at Bandipur. This would only harm the movement of wild animals but will also disturb the existing elephant corridors. State Governments must take measures to prevent man-animal conflicts," he added.

Foundation President Aryan, Vice-President Kumargowda and others were present.

Calling KSOU students

Mysuru, Feb.4- City's Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has invited applications from students for getting Degree certificates during its 19th annual Convocation to take place in the second week of March.

Eligible students are required to apply online mentioning whether they want to receive degree certificates in person or in absentia.

Application can downloaded from *www.ksoumysuru.ac.in* and the same must be submitted online supported with required records.

Last date for payment of fee without penalty (applicable only for in person students) is Feb. 20 and the last date with penalty of Rs.100 is Feb. 25.

Candidates whose final year marks card does not mention the Class/ Grade of passing, marks card that do not mention about clearance of Lower examination (Completed Lower examination) and any other corrections in marks card, can apply to the Registrar (Evaluation), KSOU, Mysuru within Feb. 15 and get the necessary declarations/ corrections. Otherwise, such students will not receive their degrees during the Convocation.

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Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Legalising a legacy from long ago!

A royal hunting party from a bygone era.

A mounted Bison Head.

For sentimental reasons most people in possession of these wildlife artifacts are reluctant to part with them and are therefore prevailing upon the Government to take a more lenient view and give them one last chance to declare the presence of these vintage pieces in their possession, get them registered and duly legalised...

The recent proclamation of the State Government that the possession of all kinds of wildlife artifacts by citizens would be dealt with by taking very stern legal action, under the Wildlife Act, has become the cause for much concern among people who have been having wildlife artifacts, both small and big, in their households, over many decades.

This announcement certainly seems like a knee-jerk reaction from the Government to the solely media-created sensation that we saw a couple of months ago, when some high-profile people were depicted wearing ornaments that were purportedly made from tiger claws. **That many of these supposedly expensive feline claws were only dirt-cheap fakes, made from humble buffalo horn, was an admission sheepishly made by their owners who had until then proudly flaunted them as the real stuff, acquired at exorbitant cost, commensurate with their status in society. This rather humiliating genu-flexion did not come easy to them and their false pride but there was just no other way to dodge the long arm of the law!**

But a great many people who are likely to be affected by the recent announcement of the Government are in the process of prevailing upon it to grant them some kind of amnesty and allow them to retain what they now have with them. Needless to say, they only possess relics of the hunting done by their forefathers in a long bygone era, when hunting was a fully legitimate and even much-admired sport. That was the time when the commoners indulged in hunting animals for food and the elite did it both for food and sport.

A third category, the royalty, did it not only for food and sport but also to pamper and please the primitive instincts of their overseas guests, who would certainly relish the thrill of themselves procuring what would become a part of the royal feast laid out for them, on the royal dining tables.

Although there was nothing very wrong in what they were doing during their times, considering the social traditions that prevailed during that era, what was certainly very wrong and even very painful, was the wanton killing that often went on in the name of sport. Hunting parties vying with each other as in any other sport, would end up indulging in what would be nothing short of massacres of unimaginable magnitude that would mindlessly and needlessly leave hundreds of animals and birds dead at their feet.

This is amply evident from the photographs we invariably see in every book that chronicles the lives of our Maharajas, Maharanis, Nawabs, Viceroys and their blue-blooded overseas guests.

Taking high-profile guests of their era, on a tiger or lion hunt was considered a 'must do' activity without which their visits would never be complete, although the meat of these magnificent animals was never eaten, either by them or even by their most lowly aides or servants.

Coming to the present era, there is no denying that some amount of illegal hunting may still be going on in the hidden nooks and corners of our forests, fringing human habitation. But it is very unlikely that people indulging in such illegal and harshly punishable acts would be having the nerve to possess, let alone display, even the slightest evidence of their wrongdoings.

And, what we are talking about here is not the problem of illegal hunting but only about the possession by law-abiding citizens, of wildlife artifacts that are only the remnants of the hunting their ancestors did, generations ago, as a perfectly legal activity. Many of these possessions are well over a century old and there are a good many households all over the countryside which have them. And, why the descendants of these long-departed hunters would be so keen to hold on to these relics from the distant past, is because they hold them close to their hearts, solely for sentimental reasons.

In addition to being memories of their forefathers, these are all now very interesting conversation pieces, which become sources of recollections of a bygone era over fireside chats! They are not unlike the old fountain pens with no ink in them, or the older still pocket watches, that have long stopped ticking and which now just lie in our table drawers, or the elegant walking sticks that are only displayed on our drawing room walls which nobody takes along during their morning walks, but still remain the supports that our memories and recollections lean on!

Over the years that have gone by, many of these objects have even acquired the status of being a part of the paraphernalia that is used in religious rituals in many people's homes. It is perhaps for similar reasons that we find our sages and saints invariably depicted sitting in meditation, on tiger-skin or deer-skin mats. While that is how it has always been in the past, it is noteworthy that we find this very same tradition being followed even in the living present.

Now, with the Government planning to completely do away with the possession of all wildlife artifacts, will it deprive them too of this age-old traditional practice, which has come to be seen as a harmless privilege and status symbol, both by them and their devotees?

It is for these very same sentimental reasons that most people in possession of these wildlife artifacts are reluctant to part with them and are therefore prevailing upon the Government to take a more lenient view and give them one last chance to declare the presence of these vintage pieces in their possession and get them registered and duly legalised.

Although a provision to do this was made in the year 1972, when the prevailing Wildlife Protection Act came to be implemented and once again in the year 2003, not many people availed of this opportunity. This was most ostensibly because, unlike the present information era, that was the time when knowledge about changes in rules and regulations would often simply fail to reach the masses. **So, this is a matter that has to be handled, not just by interpreting the existing rules in their strictest sense but rather by taking a more liberal and compassionate view, that will certainly go a long way in fostering much goodwill between the rulers and the ruled, of the present era!**

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Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme for ASHA, Anganwadi workers

New Delhi, Feb. 4- In yet another step towards improving and expanding health care in the country, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman, who presented the Interim Budget here on Feb. 1, said that the Ayushman Bharat Health scheme will be extended to cover ASHA and Anganwadi workers.

Speaking during the Budget presentation, she said that the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Health Scheme is the biggest health scheme in the world.

Noting that the scheme involves a Rs. 5 lakh health coverage for every family, she said that until Dec. 27, 2023, as many as 55 crore people from 12 crore families were covered under the scheme.

Maintaining that the Indian economy is looking brighter since 2014, she said that constructive reforms have helped the country meet the challenges.

Stating that importance has been given for betterment of life of every citizen of the country, Nirmala said the Budget has promoted entrepreneurship.

Continuing, she said the PM hopes to make the country fully developed by 2047 when the country celebrates its Independence centenary. She further said that 300 units of free power will be provided to 1 crore homes across the country.

Calling entries for Urban Learning Internship prog.

Mysuru, Feb. 4- Under the TULIP (The Urban Learning Internship Programme) scheme, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has invited applications from Graduate, Post-Graduate and Diploma students residing within the city limits, for awarding Internship.

The scheme is aimed at facilitating the students to undertake a study of street vendors covered under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) and PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM-SWANidhi) schemes and enable knowledge and skill enhancement among street vendors.

For further details, log on to the website ***https://internship.aicteindia.org/moduleulb/dashboard/TulipmMain***

Information can also be obtained from DAY-NULM Section of the MCC during office hours, according to a press release issued by the MCC Additional Commissioner.

Rama Rajya possible only through overall development of girl child: GTD

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (SBD&VNS)- Mahatma Gandhi's idea of 'Rama Rajya' can be realised only through the overall development of girl child, said MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) here on Friday.

He was speaking after distributing laptops to the 39 wards of registered construction workers of Chamundeshwari Constituency at an event jointly organised by the Department of Labour and Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board at Jaladarshini Guest House.

"Girls, who have been excelling in education must also excel in various other fields to realise the dream of Rama Rajya. Women, who contribute to 50 percent of the working class, have been actively working in various fields including agriculture, animal husbandry, cottage industry, textiles and other fields," he said.

Citing the example of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who has presented the Union Budget for the record sixth time, GTD mentioned that women should take inspiration

from the Union Minister and other women achievers to grow in their respective careers.

Adding that education was the only medium through which equality could be established in society, the former Minister said that about 1.09 lakh degree students were distributed with laptops during his tenure as the Higher Education Minister. "Though it was criticised, the move came in handy to the students at a time when the entire world was suffering owing to COVID," and urged the students to make use of the laptops provided by the State Government to pursue their education.

Devegowda also advised the students to plan their future lives and careers parallel to their education. "Students should conduct thorough research in their subject of interest before to excel in their career," he said and added that students should also play an active role in preserving the environment and maintaining cleanliness, both inside and outside their house. "Each student should plant at least two saplings in front of their houses," he said.

District Labour Officer Rajesh Jadhav, Senior Labour Inspector Shashidhar, leaders Channegowda, Satish, Raju, Kumaraswamy and others were present.

Free laptops for 450 students

District Labour Officer Rajesh Jadhav said that Mysuru had a total of 1,79,404 registered construction workers which included 1,42,260 male and 37,144 female workers.

"The Department had invited applications for the distribution of free laptops during which 6,461 applications were received. Based on the total number of laptops allocated to the district, the District-level Committee selected the best 450 students as beneficiaries. Of the total selected, 39 students of Chamundeshwari Constituency, majority of whom have scored more than 90 percent, were distributed laptops on Friday. Measures have been taken to distribute laptops to the beneficiaries in other Constituencies also," the District Labour Officer added.

'Ranga Samyukta - A lecture series on Theatre and Related Arts' begins in city

Youngsters urged to take up theatre education

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (BLU&VNS)- Despite having great potential with audiences eager to watch plays, theatre has lacked growth in this part of the world, said Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, here on Feb. 2.

Speaking after inaugurating the 8-day 'Ranga Samyukta - A lecture series on Theatre and Theatre Related Arts,' jointly organised by the University of Mysore Fine Arts College, Sri Gubbi Veeranna Chair, Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra, Rangayana Mysuru and Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University at the Fine Arts College auditorium, he said that while people are seen rushing for movie tickets there are also instances of theatre buffs rushing to watch plays.

"Youngsters should come forward to learn the technicality of the theatre rather than concentrating more on enhancing their acting skills. Theatre education plays a major role in society as it has led to many revolutions in the past. Unfortunately, with the increase in competition owing to globalisation and privatisation,

Music and Performing Arts University VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote inaugurating the 8-day 'Ranga Samyukta' lecture series in city on Friday as others look on.

theatre has taken a backseat," he rued.

University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar V.R. Shylaja, expressing concern over diminishing student enrolments at Fine Arts College, said that youngsters should be encouraged to pursue fine arts and added that the University would extend all necessary help to encourage theatre and related activities.

Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati and UoM Fine Arts College Principal Prof. Anita Vimla Braggs were present.

The eight-day-long event features lectures by eminent theatre personalities at B.V. Karanth Rangachavadi in Rangayana premises from 5 pm to 7 pm every day. S.A. Yugashree from Bengaluru delivered a lecture on 'Painting' on the inaugural day on Friday and former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan (Janni) delivered a talk on 'Expression' on Saturday.

Other lecture programmes are as follows:

Feb. 4: O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy from Mysuru will deliver a lecture on Literature; **Feb. 5:** Prakash Garuda from Dharwad will deliver a lecture on Folklore; **Feb. 6:** Abhay Simha from Bengaluru will talk on Cinema; **Feb. 7:** M.D. Pallavi from Bengaluru will deliver a lecture on Music; **Feb. 8:** Veena Basavarajaiah from Bengaluru will deliver a lecture on Dance (Movements); **Feb. 9:** T.N. Krishnamurthy from Bengaluru will deliver a lecture on Applied Theatre.

'Theatre builds a sense of harmony, co-existence'

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (PM&VNS)- Theatre, apart from promoting harmony, co-existence and consistency, teaches us to be one among everyone, said former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan (Janni).

He was speaking on the topic 'Expression,' as a part of the 8-day ongoing 'Ranga Samyukta - A lecture series on Theatre and Theatre Related Arts,' jointly organised by the University of Mysore Fine Arts College, Sri Gubbi Veeranna Chair, Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra, Rangayana Mysuru and Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University at Rangayana in city yesterday.

H. Janardhan

"All living beings have expression which is a birth right. Our Constitution has provided us with the Right to Expression. However, a few individuals have no idea of expression being one of their rights," he said.

Stating that following the path of others was a sensitive issue, Janardhan said theatre develops sensitivity as it has no barriers when compared to other forms of art.

WORD OF THE DAY

Acquisitive

Pronunciation: uh-KWIZ-uh-tiv.
Meaning: Someone or something described as acquisitive is characterised by a strong desire to own or acquire more things.
Origin: While acquisitive is a useful synonym of the likes of greedy and avaricious, it's relatively unknown compared to its more popular lexical relations, acquire and acquisition. The former of that pair is most often used to mean "to get as one's own," as in "skills acquired through practice"; the latter refers either to the act of acquiring something, as in "the acquisition of skills," or to something or someone acquired or gained, as in "the museum's recent acquisitions." All three have as their ultimate source the Latin word acquīrere, meaning "to acquire." While acquire and acquisition have both been in use since the 15th century, acquisitive is a bit younger. The word has a somewhat rare use meaning "capable of acquiring" that dates to the late 16th century, but its "greedy" meaning dates only to the early 19th century.
Example: "The film casts a cynical side-eye at the acquisitive ethos of the Reagan '80s, told with a hypnotic sense of style." — Mark Olsen, The Los Angeles Times, 7 July 2023

THE ODD WORD

Cryptozoology

The study of evidence tending to substantiate the existence of, or the search for, creatures whose reported existence is unproven.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A bitter pill to swallow

Meaning: Something that is very unpleasant but must be accepted.
Origin: The phrase first appeared in the 1600s as a pill to swallow. At the time, a pill was considered a foul thing to ingest and did not require a modifier. The variation a bitter pill to swallow came into use in the 1700s, and the final expression, a hard pill to swallow, came into use in the 1800s.
Example: "Losing to a younger player was a bitter pill to swallow."

QUOTE BOX

Well done is better than well said. **—Benjamin Franklin**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

JOBINJOB

Answer: In between jobs.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Elitist
5 Suffers some illness
9 "Run" around and get this vessel?
12 Miss Universe 2000 ___ Dutta
13 A layman, not of the clergy
14 A former small coin in France
15 Cobblestone - "test" anagram
16 English paceman James ____
18 Sharpen by whetting on a stone
20 Standards
21 "A Fistful of Dollars" director
23 Start of a Web site address
25 ___ hand : a person with a lot of experience?
26 Do as ordered
28 Tug
32 Kyushu mountain
33 ____ up : drink or imbibe greedily?
34 Contend
35 Kind of skirt - not a "mini"?
37 Popular fertilizer
39 Very cold
40 Filth
42 Small restaurants
44 Units of force in CGS system ?
47 Ground wheat used for making rotis?
48 Supporter of the monarchy
51 Good fortune
54 Oldness; decline, in a way?
55 Drug plant
56 "A" in A.D.?
57 Buddhist monastery
58 Fr. miss
59 Impudence

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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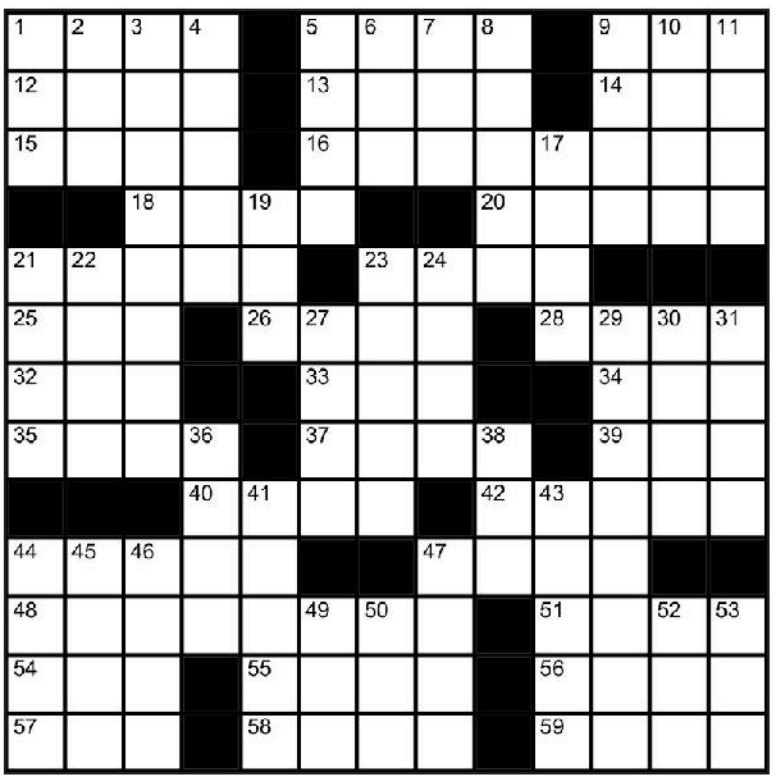
DOWN
1 Satellite Landing Sys.
2 "No" in Scotland?
3 Non-heretical
4 Conductor's stick
5 Wings or winglike parts
6 Bond creator Fleming
7 Cover
8 Fragrance or attar
9 State dissolved in 1991
10 Space available
11 Convent women
17 Substandard
19 Modern: pref.
21 Loose soil composed of clay and sand
22 Born Free lioness
23 ___- searching : examination of one's own feelings & motives?
24 Species
27 Make indistinct
29 Birds of a region
30 French sea resort?
31 Piano parts
36 Thought
38 Accomplishment
41 The Muslim faith
43 The book of maps
44 Make a sketch
45 Indian meditation system
46 Russian no
47 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)
49 Unwell
50 Roman sun
52 Central nervous system, acronym
53 Knock outs, abbr.



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

3	8	2	6	7	5	9	4	1
5	9	7	8	1	4	3	2	6
1	4	6	9	3	2	5	7	8
8	1	9	4	6	3	7	5	2
6	5	4	7	2	8	1	9	3
7	2	3	1	5	9	6	8	4
9	3	1	2	8	7	4	6	5
4	6	8	5	9	1	2	3	7
2	7	5	3	4	6	8	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

X'G FMPNUF HU M SMXJLFU MP ZWVUPNXDO X JWYU

PNMD M ZLTTUZZ MP ZWVUPNXDO X NMPU.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Either the United States will destroy ignorance or ignorance will destroy the United States.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

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- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Upadhyaksha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Upadhyaksha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  Fighter (H) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Fighter (H) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Alexa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Yathabhava (K) - 2 Shows; *Ayalaan (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Supplier Shankara (K) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Crush (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Bachelor Party (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
Kaatera (K)	(S-2)	3.55 pm
Next Goal Wins (E)	(S-2)	7.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 1.00 pm
		4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Hanuman (K)	(S-4)	9.55 am
Fighter - 2D (H)	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.30 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Upadhyaksha (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Yathabhava (K)	:	10.40 am
Kaatera (K)	:	1.10 pm, 7.45 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	1.25 pm, 4.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Supplier Shankara (K)	:	4.35 pm

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Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta)	:	10.00 am, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	10.30 am, 2.40 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.50 pm
Fighter (H-2D)	:	11.45 am, 3.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Argylle (E)	:	11.10 am, 4.35 pm, 10.00 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	11.20 am
Hanu-man (Te)	:	10.30 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	12.05 pm, 6.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Devil (2024) (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.05 pm
Next Goal Wins (E)	:	2.10 pm, 7.35 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	2.40 pm
Bachelor Party (K)	:	3.15 pm
Dil to Pagal Hai (H)	:	6.15 pm

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Fighter (H-2D)	:	11.05 am, 2.40 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.50 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	3.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 10:30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.40 am
Argylle (E)	:	12.10 pm, 6.30 pm
Bachelor Party (K)	:	12.35 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	3.10 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	9.30 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	3.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta)	:	6.50 pm

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 4)

- **The Chennai Silks & Sree Kumaran Jewellers:** Silk and Jewellery Expo-cum-Sale, hotel Grand Mercure, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Kalakaranji:** Kathe Kelona Banni, retd. Additional Secretary to Government of India C.V. Gopinath inaugurates, first grade contractor V. Mohan Kumar presides, Corporator Bhagya Madesh, Mathru Mandali President Vijayalakshmi Urs and M. Shashidhar Dongre of Kalasuruchi chief guests, Mathru Mandali Shishu Vikas Kendra, Gokulam 2nd Stage, **4 pm.**
- **Mysuru Cinema Society and Bharatiya Chitra Sadhna:** Award Ceremony of Paridrishya - 2nd International Festival of Short Films and Documentaries Karnataka, veteran film maker and Swarna Kamala awardee Girish Kasaravalli, veteran film maker Rajendra Singh Babu and actor-writer-director Divya Karanth special guests; Special Prarthana Nritya by Vidushi Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Kaveri auditorium of KSOU, Mukthagangothri campus, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mounesha Sangeetha mattu Samskrutika Academy Trust:** 3rd Anniversary, Madikeri Nagendra and C. Ashwath Memorial Day, keyboard, guitar, dance and vocal recitals by Academy students, Sugama Sangeetha programme, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director M.D. Sudarshan, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal, social worker Raghuram Vajpayee and retd. DF Ln. Nagarajachar will be present, felicitation to senior singer Indirani Anantharam, Nadabrahma Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Adamya Rangashale, Mysuru:** Gandhi Sadbhavana Award and Adamya Chethana Award presentation, poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar inaugurates, retd. Deputy Director of Kannada and Culture M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, Adamya Rangashale Hon. Secretary T. Sathish Javaregowda delivers the felicitation address, NSS Programme Officer N. Santhosh Kumar chief guest; Gandhi Sadbhavana Award recipients are G.L. Tripuranthaka, columnist, Mysuru; Dr. Ramalingaiah, Founder-Secretary, Anikethana Educational Institution, Mandya and Hanumantesh, President, Punyakoti Seva Trust, Mysuru; Adamya Chethana Award recipients are H.S. Pranusha, Mudigere, Chikkamagalur; R. Kiran, Ramanagar and S.M. Ananya, Santhebachalli, K.R. Pet; Staging of children's play 'Rangannana Rampata' based on Panchatantra stories, directed by Jayashree Idkidu, lights by Manoj Adamya and music by Tejas Hassan, Sri Kuvempu Rangamandira, Sri Vivekananda PU College, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nrutya Niketana School of Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi Dance, Bogadi II Stage, Mysuru:** Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of K. Shrivalli (daughter of M. Krishna and G. Anuradha), accompanied by Guru Vidushi Prasannalakshmi (dance direction, choreography, natuvanga), Vid. Naveen M.S. Andagar (vocal), Vid. K.S. Ganesh (flute), Vid. V. Shyamu (mridanga) and G.N. Manjunath (compere), Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke, Director, Nrityagiri, Mysuru, Dr. Vidu. M.A. Jyothi, Srujana Kala Mandira, School of Karnatak Music, Mysuru and Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Artistic Director, Noopura Kalavidaru Trust, Mysuru, guests of honour, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Tibetan Community Centre:** Tibetan Cultural Show featuring traditional Tibetan dances, Visitors can also explore Tibetan Cultural Expo and savour authentic Tibetan momos, Nexus Centre City, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Yukteshananda speaks on 'Srimate Saradadevi,' Ashram, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Lion International (District 317G) - Lions Club of Mysore Ambassador:** District Governor's Official Visit and Charternite Celebration, Ln. Dr. N. Krishne Gowda, District Governor, 317G, Ln. K. Devegowda, Past District Governor and Cabinet Advisor, Ln. H.C. Kantharaju, President of the Club, will be present, Hotel Kalyani, Ring Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Week-long series of classical concerts by budding and local artistes as a prelude to the annual day of Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha and Sri Purandaradasa and Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana scheduled for Feb. 11, T.P. Subhashinee - Vocal, **6 pm;** C.S. Prajna and S. Shreya - Vocal, Vinayaka Temple, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **7.15 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Ni Othelovadare, Na lago' by Rangadasoha, Bengaluru, directed by N.C. Mahesh, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Anjuman-e-Hadeeqatul Adab, Mysuru:** Felicitation to KPSC Member S.A. Mustafa Hussain MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff and University of Mysore Syndicate Member Prof. Shabbir Mohammed Mustafa; former VC and UGC Member Prof. Jalees Tareen *(Padma Shri)* presides, St. Philomena's College, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 5)

- **Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions (SVEI) - Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy (SVCP), Krishnamurthypuram:** World Cancer Day-2024, Seminar on 'Close the Care Gap,' K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. H.P. Shobha and SVEI Hon. Secretary N. Chandrashekar chief guests, Bharath Cancer Hospital Medical Oncologist Dr. G.H. Abhilash and K.R. Hospital Surgical Oncologist Dr. S.S. Prakash guests of honour, SVCP Principal Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi presides, Prof. Chinnaswamy Setty Conference Hall, SVCP, Krishnamurthypuram, **10 am.**
- **St. Philomena's College, Mysuru:** Inauguration of first batch of Master of Business Administration (MBA) & Master of Computer Application (MCA), Prof. S.N. Hegde, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM), chief guest, Dr. D. Anand, Director - CDC, UoM, guest of honour, Principal Dr. Ravi J.D. Saldanha and Rector Rev. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis will be present, College Auditorium, **10 am.**
- **Directorate of Student Welfare (DSW), University of Mysore (UoM):** Inauguration of 3-day University-level Inter-College Literary and Cultural Competitions 2023-24, Cultural Rally, near UoM Clock Tower, **10 am**; Actor Neemalli Ramakrishna inaugurates, UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath presides, actor Pooja Lokesh chief guest, Humanities auditorium, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**
- **University Fine Arts College, Sri Gubbi Veeranna Chair, Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra, Rangayana and Music & Performing Arts University:** Ranga Samyukta, talk on 'Janapada' by Prakash Garuda, Dharwad, B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Rangayana, **5 pm to 7 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Upadhyaksha (K)	:	10 am, 3.40 pm, 6.55 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	10.05 am, 4.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Fighter (H-2D)	:	11 am, 2.30 pm, 6.00 pm, 9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.20 am
Bachelor Party (K)	:	12.50 pm
Next Goal Wins (E)	:	1.15 pm, 8.05 pm
Sridevi Prasanna (Marathi)	:	3.55 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	10.00 pm
Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

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Bachelor Party (K)	:	9.50 am, 7.25 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	9.50 am, 6.30 pm
Fighter (H-2D)	:	10.50 am, 3.00 pm
		5.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Supplier Shankara (K)	:	11.25 am
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	12.55 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Argylle (E)	:	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm, 10:20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.20 pm
Devil -2024 (Ta)	:	2.50 pm
Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta)	:	7.10 pm
Yathabhava (K)	:	9.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Annual General Body Meeting of MDJA

Mysuru, Feb. 4- The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) for the year 2021-22 and 2022-23 will be held at Rani Bahadur auditorium in Manasagangothri premises on Hunsur Road in city on Feb. 11 (Sunday) at 11 am.

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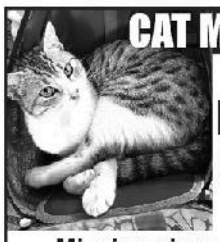

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